





SILVERWINGS

"Back to the basics"

Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.

Weather	
 <p>Today High: 91, Low: 66 Partly Cloudy</p>	 <p>Saturday High: 87, Low: 62 Isolated T-storms</p>
 <p>Sunday High: 79, Low: 60 Scattered T-storms</p>	 <p>Monday High: 82, Low: 62 Isolated T-storms</p>

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The 2009 Daedalian Scholarship Fund golf tournament will be held Saturday, May 9th at the Columbus Country Club. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. followed by a 12:00 p.m. shotgun start. Call Dave Curry at 434-7606 to sign up.

Columbus AFB Education Center will conduct a Community College of the Air Force graduation Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. at the Columbus Club.

The Asian Pacific American Heritage Luncheon will be held Thursday, April 14th starting at 11:00 a.m. at the Columbus Club. This year's featured speaker is Dr. Edward Tang, Professor of American Studies at the University of Alabama. The Pacific lunch buffet is \$9.00 for members, \$10 for non-members. Sign up with your group POC or Call Capt Walski at 434-2163.



US Air Force Photo

19th AF Commander Visits Columbus

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The 19th Air Force is responsible for all flying training in Air Education and

When asked about the future of pilot training, General Feest remarked that “now that all the SUPT wings have the new T-6 trainer, the time is right to take a look at how we do pilot training. I have

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Earth Day Leadership

Lt. Col. Chris Sabo
14th Operation Group Deputy
Commander

Most people are just like you once were. They despise sorting recyclables and stashing them in a separate bin until they can be properly disposed of at an authorized drop off point. There hardly seems to be value in the time it takes and there certainly isn't any immediate return for the effort. Unfortunately, this is the attitude that generations have grown accustomed, mostly due to lack of awareness.

In case you missed it, the 40th anniversary of Earth Day was April 22, however participating in Earth Day should be a continuing occurrence, not a meaningless celebration like ground hog day observed once per year.

Even during slow economic times, the United States remains the world economic leader and also the world's biggest consumer (stats show Americans use half of the world's resources). Unfortunately, it follows that Americans also produces the most trash. Refuse continues to pile in landfills unnecessarily even though many of the world's natural resources are dwindling. Mostly by necessity, many other nation's recycling capabilities are decades ahead of the USA's – Americans must regain the lead in the recycling arena, attitude first.

Because the base populace works in an Air Force that has a finite amount of resources, all are asked to be considerate of the resources entrusted to them while on duty. If not, Uncle AF (pronounced C.E.) does a good job informing your duty section about the air conditioner that is too low or that you left your work station lights on at night. Conservation and recycling is practiced and therefore ingrained at work. This attitude should easily transfer to your private citizen life. Be a leader and start a recycling trend with a family plan. You'll be surprised where it leads.

Pick a family member to become the "Recycling Czar" responsible for ensuring that agreed upon recycling objectives are met. This would be a great chore for someone who needs to earn an allowance. Use four boxes to store the easiest and most popular recyclables (Aluminum/steel cans, class # X plastic, paper and card board) in a storage location. Once

filled take them to work with you and swing by the base recycling center behind the commissary or the trailer by the Shopette and sort your items.

It only takes a few extra minutes at home and a quick stop on base or any city recycling collection point a few times per month. At first you won't feel like you made a difference, but soon you'll see it grows on you. In a short while, the entire family will make a conscious effort and you'll feel good about taking an active stand. See how your family measured up to the family's objectives and see how you could do better. For those who just can't find the time, Triangle Maintenance (245-1555) has recently offered curbside pickup of recyclables for \$7 per month in Lowndes County (with \$60 refundable deposit for the container) and you don't even have to sort them. But there's more to leadership in Earth Day than just recycling the four recycling "staples."

What about that old computer, or cell phone, or non HD TV you don't need anymore? There's a growing market for recycling electronics—copper, nickel and other valued materials can be reclaimed. Have you ever considered coasting your vehicle to a stop light instead of racing and braking hard? Try it and you'll save some coin and some fuel. How about starting a vegetable garden? Anything you produce to consume reduces transportation consumption resources. Turn your AC up when departing the house for the day. Consider unplugging appliances when they are not actively being used—even an "off" appliance uses some energy. Have you tried hunting or fishing or anything else sustainable? You might be surprised at the amount of food a single big game animal will provide a family. If you don't like any of these options, there are a number of green websites you can surf for other ideas—you don't have to agree with their agenda, just use their good ideas.

Of course it's not always feasible to be completely Earth friendly. It certainly would be difficult to haul trash around during a family vacation. Remember, no one's judging you yet, but if you participate in an activity that uses lots of energy (like bass tournament fishing) you can gain some Earth credits by working harder in other areas. Once practiced, recycling and conserving becomes second nature. It's not just for "granolas" anymore, it's for leaders. Start a trend.



The Enlisted Perspective
By CMSAF Rodney J. McKinley

Air Force Diversity

Diversity is the greatest strength of our Air Force. We have many capabilities that enable us to project airpower any time, any place. However, the real strength of our service comes from our Airmen who work hard to execute the mission. These Airmen come from diverse backgrounds and work together seamlessly to build an unstoppable team. This diversity enables successful action across the full spectrum of operations in cultures with different religious beliefs, laws and values. The knowledge and experience of our Airmen allows us to translate their diversity into organizational effectiveness, mission readiness and exacting execution.

The Air Force attracts men and women from all walks of life; we welcome these teammates and value their differences. Every Airman is important to our Air Force, and every Airman, combined with the background and support his or her family provides, strengthens our Service. Whether officer, enlisted, civilian or contractor, young or old, male or female, and no matter their ethnicity, all Airmen share the core values of Integrity First, Service before Self, and Excellence in All We Do.

It is important Airmen are treated the same...as Airmen. Throughout my career, I have seen Airmen reluctant to correct Airmen of a different ethnicity or gender. Instead, the Airman either does nothing or asks a co-worker to make the correction. This is wrong. Every Airman has a responsibility to uphold professional standards. Whether you're correcting uniform violations or addressing behavioral issues, we all have a duty to uphold our core values; regardless of an individual's gender or ethnic background. The reluctance to uphold standards could lead to situations where Airmen are allowed to progress down a misguided path until it's too late to help them. Small course corrections help Airmen become productive and valuable members of the Air Force team. As leaders, it is imperative we provide every Airman the right path to success.

Take a look around our Air Force. You will very soon notice Airmen from every corner of this great nation, and quite a few from around the world. I see in every Airman a desire and the potential to serve their country to the best of their abilities. The diversity of these great Americans fuels our power to fly, fight and win in air, space and cyberspace.



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Chief Master Sergeant
of the Air Force

Upcoming programs and trips focused on family

Crafts fair and sidewalk sale

The arts and crafts center will host a craft fair and sidewalk sale in front of their building from 8 a.m. to noon today. Parents can shop our inventory of moldings, frames, T-shirts, plaques, craft samples and more while youth will enjoy face painting, kids crafts and games. A new kids craft will be offered every half hour. For more information, call Ext. 7836.

Home Decor Workshop

The arts and crafts center offers this workshop starting at 5:30 p.m. today to make a large patriotic bear entry stand. Cost is \$20 and includes all supplies. A display of the project can be viewed in the lobby of the arts and crafts center. For more information, call Ext. 7836.

Mothers Day brunch:

The Columbus Club offers this special brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$17.95 for club members and \$19.95 for nonmembers. Walk-ins available but there may be a wait. Menu items include: Bacon, sausage, eggs, biscuits, gravy, French toast styx with warm syrup, grits, hash browns, sliced ham, London Broil au jus, prime rib carving station, creamy mashed potatoes and gravy, garden wild rice, marinated green beans, omelet bar and waffle station, stir fry station, assorted rolls, cakes, pies, cheesecake and fruit. For more information, call Ext. 2490.

Texas Holdem tournament

The Columbus Club offers this program starting at 6 p.m. Saturday. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for nonmembers. Register by noon, today at the Columbus Club. Late sign ups will be placed on a waiting list. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. with free hors d'oeuvres and the games begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Ext. 2490.

Mothers Days bowling special

The bowling center offers two free games, free shoe rental, free soda and a free order of fries or side salad for Mom with a paying guest Sunday. For more information, call Ext. 3426.

Schools out bowling special

The bowling center offers 50 cents a game bowling before 7 p.m. May 22 for youth. For more information, call Ext. 3426.

Summer day camp registration

The youth center's school age program is taking registrations for summer day camp for school age children. A \$10 deposit is required for each week to hold a space for your child. Cost is based

on total family income and all meals, entrance fees, supplies, etc. are included in the cost. Camp begins May 26. There are limited spaces available. For more information, call Ext. 2504.

Disney summer trip

The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to Disney World in Orlando, Fla. July 19 to 25. The bus tour price per seat is \$147 per person round trip and includes shuttle to and from Disney World for five days. The hotel is the Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort in Lake Buena Vista and each room has two queen beds and will sleep four to six people. Price for the week per family is \$675. The military member receives a free five day hopper with water park pass while each companion ticket up to 60-percent off. There are only 30 seats available on the bus. A layaway plan is available but last payment must be made by June 19. For more information, call Ext. 2507.

Club scholarship program

Club members and their dependents are eligible to enter the essay contest for a chance to win one of the 25 \$1,000 club scholarships to be given away this year. Deadline for entries and applications is July 1 to the Force Support Squadron commander. Applications are available at the Columbus Club, library and education center or at www.afclubs.net. For more information, call Ext. 2490.

Adult and youth crafts classes

The arts and crafts center offers Mommy and me crafts every Thursday at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. A display of the crafts projects are in the lobby of the center. Upcoming classes include making a Mother's Day gift, a garden pot, a bug catcher, tropical cutouts, welcome signs, tote bag and more. For more information, call Ext. 7856.

British soccer

The youth center is hosting a British soccer camp June 1 to 5. This program is open to ages 3 to 18. Register online at www.cafbservices.com and select the youth center page. Costs vary according to age and sessions. Deadline to register is May 22. For more information, call Ext. 2504.

End of school pool party

The youth center is offering this program for youth center members and school age program participants from 7 to 10 p.m. May 23 at Independence Pool. Admission cost is a donation for the Lowndes County Humane Society. For more information, call Ext. 2504.

Parents day out

The child development center and youth center offer this program from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 16. A \$5 deposit is required when registering. For more information, call the child development center at Ext. 2479 or the youth center at Ext. 2504.

Tickets available

The information, ticket and travel office has discounted tickets for Disney World, Universal Studios, Dollywood, Sea World, Busch Gardens, Six Flags Over Georgia, the Memphis Zoo, Alabama Adventure, the Dixie Stampede, Geyser Falls, and more. Call Ext. 2507 for more information.

Missoula Children's Theater

The youth center offers this free theatrical arts program for Grades 1 to 12 June 8 to 13. Auditions will be June 8 at Kaye Auditorium. This year's performance will be "Robinson Crusoe" and held at 3 p.m. June. 13. Up to fifty youth will be needed for the performance. For more information or to register, contact the youth center at Ext. 2504.

Horseback riding lessons

Outdoor Recreation is offering riding lessons and special occasion rides. Lessons are in four lessons sessions. Cost is \$40 for 30 minutes for youth 6 and under or \$80 for one hour lessons. Junior lessons for ages 7 to 17 are \$100 for four one hour lessons and adult lessons are \$120 for four one hour lessons. For more information, call Ext. 2505 or 7861.

Season swim passes on sale

Outdoor Recreation has season pool passes on sale until May 22. After that date, passes can be purchased at the pool. The pool opens May 23 and will be open 7 days a week from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Passes for one person is \$30 for club members and \$35 for nonmembers. Two people of the same family are \$50 for club members and \$60 for nonmembers. Three people of the same family are \$70 for club members and \$80 for nonmembers. Four people of the same family are \$80 for club members and \$95 for nonmembers. For more information, call Ext. 2507.

Paintball parties

Make reservations for a paintball party at Outdoor Recreation, Ext. 2507. Paintball parties are great for birthdays, team building and just for fun.

Have a bowling birthday party

The bowling center offers the best birthday

party packages around. The "good" package includes two hours of bowling, free shoe rental, "bowling" place settings, and a souvenir bowling pin for the guest of honor for just \$7.50 per person. The "Best" package includes everything in the "Good" package plus choice of hot dog, grilled cheese sandwich or chicken strips with fries and soft drink for \$10 per person. A \$25 non-refundable deposit is required for all parties. No outside food or beverages allowed, except for birthday cakes. For more information, call Ext. 3426.

Daily Grind proudly serving Starbucks

The Daily Grind is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 to 11 a.m.

Self help car wash

There is a self-help car wash located behind the youth center on ninth street. Cost is \$1 for 5 minutes and customers may add a quarter for each additional minute before the time ends for an extended wash. Call Ext. 7842.

Blaze Lunch Bunch at the Columbus Club

Every Wednesday During Lunch
All plates come with one meat, two sides, roll or cornbread, tea or water
\$6.25 for club members
\$7.25 for nonmembers

This week's menu:
Meat choices:
Fried Chicken, Homemade Beef Stew, Baked Spaghetti

Sides:
Macaroni & Cheese, Steamed Rice and Gravy, Turnip Greens, Corn on the Cob, Side Salad with Ranch Dressing

For More Information, Call Ext. 2490

Lunch Bunch Special - \$6.95
Crisp Caesar salad topped with seasoned croutons, shredded parmesan cheese and grilled chicken breast

Desserts:
\$2.95 each
Chocolate Peanut Butter Pie
Tiramisu Cake
Jumbo Oatmeal Raisin Cookies

Program makes high-cost schooling available to servicemembers, vets

Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Servicemembers and veterans who enroll in the new Post-9/11 GI Bill will be able to attend some of the country's most prestigious, and high-cost, universities, thanks to a new program that's gaining momentum in academic circles.

Keith Wilson, director of education service for the Veterans Benefits Administration, reported growing interest in the Yellow Ribbon Program.

"We're getting a lot of activity in that area," he said. "There are a lot of schools that have expressed interest in participating."

Participating colleges and universities enter into an agreement with VA to fund tuition expenses above the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition rate. That rate, the maximum the Post-9/11 GI Bill can pay by law, varies from state to state.

Under the Yellow Ribbon Program, the school waives or offsets up to 50 percent of those higher costs, and VA will match that same amount.

If, for example, the tuition bill at a participating university is \$20,000 and the Post-9/11 GI Bill can pay only \$15,000, the university and VA will split the \$5,000 difference, explained Tammy Duckworth, who was confirmed last week as VA's assistant secretary for public and intergovernmental affairs.

Mrs. Duckworth's alma mater, Washington's George Washington University, became the latest institution to sign on to the program this week. GW's commitment provides for 360 veteran students to benefit during the 2009-2010 academic year, which university officials expect to cover all eligible undergraduate and graduate students.

Under the agreement, qualified servicemembers and veterans attending GW as undergraduates will receive free tuition, and those attending as graduate students will receive a significantly discounted rate.

In announcing the university's participation, GW President Steven Knapp called the school's estimated \$2.5 million investment in the program during the upcoming school year a way of giving back.

"This is a significant investment in those who have sacrificed so much on our behalf," he said. "We as a nation owe our veterans a debt of gratitude, and this commitment will enable veterans who attend GW to have the kind of educational opportunity the original GI Bill envisioned."

Other schools large and small have signed on or are considering the program.

At Knox College in Galesburg, Ill., officials said they couldn't say no to the initiative. "It's really exciting for us, because it's an opportunity for us to serve veterans who have served our country," public relations director Karrie Heartlein said. "As you know, veterans deserve the best our country has to offer, and that includes the opportunity to attend the college of their choice. The opportunity for them to attend Knox College is very exciting."

La Roche College in McCandless, Pa., also joined the program. "We're honored to play a

role in helping our veterans reach their education and career goals," said Hope Schiffgens, director of the school's Office of Graduate Studies and Adult Education. "This is a time in our nation's history when education and retraining is vitally important, especially to this group of men and women who have given so much to us."

Jerry Jackson, dean of enrollment management at Union College in Barbourville, Ky., said his school also looks forward to working with veterans through the Yellow Ribbon Program. "We're eager to get this program started and to make sure our veterans know they're welcome as students at Union," he said. "We're proud to be able to help cover the cost of a college education for people who have served our country."

"I am so pleased that Centenary College will be able to provide this benefit to the fine men and women who have served our country," echoed Barbara-Jayne Lewthwaite, acting president of Centenary College in Hackettstown, N.J. "It is an honor to be able to reward these

individuals for their dedication. Additionally, we look forward to benefiting from their global experiences in the classroom based on their military service."

In announcing his school's participation, Mari Ditzler, president of Monmouth College in Monmouth, Ill., said he looks forward to the opportunity "to serve those who have served our country."

"The residential liberal arts experience at colleges like Monmouth has been described as uniquely American," he said. "We are pleased that the Yellow Ribbon Program will enable our veterans to experience this special approach to learning and living."

"We are excited to be a part of the Yellow Ribbon Program and to support our nation's veterans," agreed Joel Bauman, vice president of enrollment services at Westminster College in Salt Lake City. "This program allows us to offer educational opportunities to those who have made tremendous sacrifices, and this is one way we can give back and thank them for their service."

In Pittsburgh, Seton Hill University's vice president for enrollment services, Barbara Hinkle, called the program a win-win situation. "We're very excited about the possibilities — both for our current students whose families may qualify, but also for future students as they come back from being deployed or their family members who are here," she said.

Mr. Wilson said he expects more schools to join their ranks as Yellow Ribbon Program participants.

"We just started soliciting applications about two weeks ago," he said. "We're processing them as they come in, and we're getting them coming in every day."

VA began accepting applications for the Post-9/11 GI Bill May 1. The new benefit takes effect Aug. 1. It is among several VA-sponsored educational benefits available to servicemembers and veterans.



There are three different methods people can use to report sexual assault. It's vital you know the difference!

Unrestricted

Chain of Command, Office of Special Investigations and Law Enforcement are notified immediately.

Restricted

Chain of Command, Office of Special Investigations and Law Enforcement are not notified.

Independent

A third party tells OSI or law enforcement and an investigation is launched. Can occur with a restricted report.

Call the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator at Office: (662) 434-2875 or (662) 434-1130 Cell: (662) 386-0811
24/7 On-Call Hotline: (662) 364-0822.

Base News

Education Counseling Hours

Education counseling (CCAF, Bachelor's/Master's programs, Tuition Assistance, etc.) is now available Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Please contact Edward Hodge at 434-2562 to schedule.

Commissary Case Lot Sale

Commissary is having a Case Lot Sale May 9-10. Saturday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday: 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.. POC is Mr. Marty Roberts, Store Director, 434-4210.

Drug Education for Youth

The DEFY program promotes team building, goal setting, substance abuse, resistance skills and increases self-confidence for youth. This is a free program for dependents of active duty members, DOD civilians, retirees and contract employees' ages 9 to 12 years old. DEFY Summer Leadership Camp is scheduled for June 17-26 and will be held at the Columbus AFB Chapel Annex. Applications are available at the Chapel, Youth Center and Drug Demand Testing Office, located in the 14th Medical Group building. Deadline for application is May 30. For more information please call 434-2353 or 434-2133.

Dealing with disruptive Children

Presentation by the Child & Youth Behavioral Military & Family Life Consultant May 4 from 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. at the Base Chapel Annex. Lunch will be provided. Everyone that is interested in learning new ways to deal with disruptive or inappropriate behavior displayed by their children is invited. Please contact the CDC at 434-2479 to RSVP by 5:00pm on May 1. (This count is needed for purchasing food).

Family Care Plans

All Air Force members with families will have family care arrangements that reasonably cover all situations, both short and long term. Single parents, dual military couples with family members, and members with civilian spouses who have unique family situations must document their Family Care Plan on the AF FM 357. Family Care Plans are recertified to ensure the plans accuracy and workability annually, upon arrival at a new unit, before reenlisting or extending, notification of assignment, and when personal status or family circumstances change. For more information, please contact your First Sergeant.

CCAF Graduation Ceremony

The 2009 Community College of the Air Force graduation ceremony will be held Tuesday, 12 May at 1100 in the Columbus Club. Col Rogers Watkins, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, will be presenting diplomas to the graduates and 14th Flying Training Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant Richard Brackett will be the guest speaker. Everyone is invited! Please call the Education Services Center at 434-2562 for more information.

East Mississippi Community College

EMCC is registering students for the Summer 2009 Intensive Terms. Summer 09 Term 1 begins on May 27 and Term 2 begins on July 7. Classes will be held day, afternoon, and evening on base. Contact EMCC in Bldg. 916, Room 14 or call them at 434-2660/2564 for more information.

Saint Leo University

SLU is registering students for the Summer 1 Term that begins June 1. Afternoon and evening classes will be held in the Education Center, Bldg. 916. SLU also offers online and CDROM courses. Contact Dew White in the Personnel Bldg. (926), Room 120 for more information or call 434-8844.

Mississippi State University summer camps

Mississippi State University offers a wide variety of Summer Camps and Workshops for our young folks. The areas include: Soccer, Natural Resources, Transportation Institute, and Women in Action; other areas are being considered and will be added as they are approved. Several of the activities are Residential Camps and many are Day Camps. For a complete rundown, view the MSU 2009 Summer Camp website at: <http://www.admissions.msstate.edu/events/summercamps/camp-listings.php> or contact the School Liaison at 434-2792.

DAPS Hours change

Effective immediately the Columbus AFB DAPS will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Lifeguard summer hire requirements

Columbus Air Force Base is currently soliciting applicants to be life guards at the base pool for this summer. To qualify, applicant s must meet the criteria below and be a full time student:

1. Must possess a current and valid nation-

ally recognized lifeguard certification covering lifesaving and water rescue methods, skills, and procedures.

2. Must possess a current and valid nationally recognized basic first aid certification.
3. Must possess a current and valid nationally recognized CPR certification which includes adult, child, and infant procedures.
4. Position requires pre-employment screening for swimming ability, rescue skills and CPR skills.

If you would like to apply, please contact Mr. Ben Brock at 434-2635 or Mr. Roy Wood at 434-2650 and they will be happy to assist you.

DRMO

Authorized personnel may retrieve property that is marked for DRMO Facilities only if they are still physically located in Base Supply. For more information, call 434-7233 to review the property or call Stock Control Section at 434-7179 or 434-7198. To check for authorization and Demand Processing Section, call 434-7178 to order the property. All other DRMO processing is done via the Web at www.drms.dla.mil.

Zero Overpricing Program-Incentive Awards

Overpricing is an issue everyone should be working. All personnel are encouraged to participate, and will be rewarded for any tangible savings resulting from their price challenge. Monetary awards will be given in accordance with AFI 38-401, The Air Force Innovative Development Employee Awareness Program. Advice and guidance are available by calling the Customer Service element of Base Supply, located in Building 158, at 434-7178.

Supply Customer

If you are looking for that special piece of equipment or furniture for your office, your point of contact is the Inspection Section of Base Supply. Inspection maintains the Last Look Area, which has used equipment and furniture turned in from other organizations that no longer have a need for the items. All items in the Last Look Area are available without charge to your organization. For more information, you can contact the Inspection Section at 434-7233 or 434-7234.

Attention All Deployers

The 14th Communications Squadron has a new system which allows you to place "free" telephone calls back home from your deployed location via DSN. You can call every day or once a week; whichever you prefer (allotted time is 3.5 hours a week). Pin numbers are required and can be picked up along with instructions from the Telephone Systems office

located in Building 900, Room 9. Please call 434-2020 for additional information.

Do you have a supply problem?

Do you have a supply problem? Do you need a status on an item you ordered? Did you receive the wrong part? The Customer Service Element is the single point of contact requiring assistance on supply related matters. For assistance, you may contact customer service at 434-7178.

Children's culinary arts camp

The Mississippi University for Women Culinary Arts Institute presents Culinary Camp for Kids starting June 1. In the professional setting of MUW's Culinary Arts Institute, your child will have the opportunity to learn and explore the wonderful world of foods through demonstration, lectures, and hands-on work in their kitchen. Classes commence on 1 June and continue throughout the month of June. For more information call: 241-7472.

Vacation Bible School 2009: Crocodile Dock

The Columbus AFB Chapel will conduct a Vacation Bible School this summer for for children ages 5 yrs (going into kindergarten) to 11 yrs (going into sixth grade) June 1st through the 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Bus service will be available for on-base residents and Youth Center.

Volunteers, 12 years and up, are also needed to assist with the program. A Tad Pool Pond (nursery class) is available for volunteers little ones. Contact the base chapel staff at 434-2500 to register or volunteer.

Textbook Sale/Exchange

The Airman's Activity Council is sponsoring a base-wide text book exchange for students from EMCC or Saint Leo to sell, trade or give away their text books. Exchange will be on Tuesday, May 19 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Services Complex. Contact SrA Sanders 434-7845, or SrA Johanson 434-2167 for more information.

Gas Mask Fit Test

Gas Mask Fit Testing will now be by appointment only. Appointments will be taken Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Exceptions to appointment times will be made for deployers only. For more information, call Bioenvironmental Engineering at 434-2286 or 434-2226.

Officials set operating location for San Antonio joint base

Capt. Paula Bissonette

Air Education and Training Command
Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas — Air Education and Training Command officials signed an order March 16 on Randolph AFB that established an operating location to support the creation of a joint base in San Antonio.

Establishment of the operating location provides a framework against which to assign some of the earliest members of what will become the 502nd Air Base Wing, which is slated to stand up with a skeletal staff in August. The 502nd ABW will be the command structure responsible for executing the installation support mission for the Joint Base, which will include Randolph and Lackland Air Force Bases as well as Fort Sam Houston.

Representatives from installation support areas at all three locations have met regularly to determine how best to consolidate their organizations and meet the intent of the Joint Basing Implementation Guidance, or JBIG. The guidance comes from the Secretary of Defense and identifies which functions are considered installation support, and therefore must be included in the Joint Base organizational structure. The guidance also dictates which military service will lead the Joint Basing effort at each of the locations where it is taking place around the country. In San Antonio, the Air Force was given the lead.

Col. Vincent Feck, director of the Joint Basing

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Implementation Office at Randolph, is charged with leading the effort to synchronize and integrate the efforts of all the functional representatives to complete the Joint Base standup by October of 2010.

“At Randolph and Lackland, the mission support groups, pretty much in total, along with elements of the wing staff will realign under and become part of the 502nd Air Base Wing,” he said. “Because the U.S. Army Garrison at Fort Sam Houston already exists to provide installation support there, that entity, almost in total, will also fall under the Joint Base.”

Each of the three locations will have a Mission Support Group that reports to the 502nd ABW Commander. The majority of functions and personnel at the three locations will remain in place to continue to provide the same installation support they are providing now.

A detailed memorandum of agreement, or MOA is being created to capture exactly how the 502nd ABW and its three mis-

sion support groups will continue to provide the same level of support that customers at all three installations experience today. When complete, the MOA will be signed by all Service secretaries involved.

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Representatives from all three bases and functions involved are currently reviewing a draft of the agreement.

One of the next milestones in the Joint Base transformation is the MOA review workshop, scheduled for June of this year. During this review, representatives from the Department of Defense and the different services will be able to review the draft agreement before it is submitted for signature.

“The workshop will give OSD and the services a chance to see what we have created,” said Colonel Feck. “It will give them an ability to interact with us directly in a one-on-one environment to address any issues we haven’t been able to resolve at our level.”

The MOA should be signed by September, solidifying the definition of what the 502nd ABW will do and how it will accomplish its mission. Armed with this MOA, the newly formed 502nd ABW will begin the implementation stage of Joint Basing in San Antonio, with Lackland and Randolph beginning the transition in January 2010, followed by Fort Sam Houston in April of 2010.

‘Continuum of Service’ video promotes total force options

WASHINGTON — In an effort to retain highly skilled Airmen for a lifetime of service, Air Force leaders recently unveiled a Continuum of Service video that helps to promote seamless changes in duty status in the total force structure.

The video, produced by a team from the Secretary of the Air Force Office of Manpower and Reserve Affairs and coordinated with Department of Defense officials, provides Airmen an understanding of their service options and solicits feedback from its viewers.

“Development and caring for our Airmen is one of the Air Force’s top priorities,” said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz. “This development includes educating Airmen about the role of the total force, active duty, Guard, Reserve and civil service.”

Continuum of Service is a transformational initiative designed to enable the accession, retention and transition of Airmen between active duty, Guard, Reserve and civil service components using integrated personnel management policies and processes.

“Across the Department of Defense we are changing how the total force personnel are managed, compensated, assigned and deployed,” said General Schwartz.

The general explained that the Continuum of Service initiative helps eliminate impediments to Airmen’s service by identifying and updating legacy policies, leveraging technology and financial resources, developing legislation and removing cultural bias.

“We are dedicated to identifying barriers and minimizing or eliminating them when possible,” said Lt. Gen. Charles Stenner, chief of the Air Force Reserve.

Senior Air Force leaders emphasized retention of top talent depends on their ability to provide viable service options throughout an Airman’s career. The Continuum of Service philosophy means giving Airmen over the entire length and all components of their service a management environment with seamless movement between duty statuses required to support total force operations.

“This is one program we need to support and get right,” Gen. Craig McKinley, chief of the National Guard Bureau, said in the video. “I’ve seen and helped military members who are struggling because of bureaucratic barriers and antiquated systemic problems. It’s time to set the system straight and get this total force initiative on track.”

To find out more about Continuum of Service, view the video at <https://www.safmr.hq.af.mil>.



U.S. Air Force graphic

The Continuum of Service video explains this program designed to enable the accession, retention and transition of members of the Total Force components through integrated Air Force personnel management policies.

“We encourage all Airmen become a part of the improvement process by submitting their ideas and identifying obstacles by way of

the contact information provided at the end of the video and on the website,” General McKinley said.

49th FTS Warrior Retires

Lt Col Tor Dietrichs
Commander 49th Fighter Training Squadron

Perhaps you recall my Silver Wings article of February 13th titled “Third Generation Fighter Pilot Retires”. That excerpt from our collective Air Force Story covered the rich military history of Marcus “Coop” Cooper’s family and highlighted Coop’s career as a USAF fighter pilot. Today another member of 49th Fighter Training Squadron with a rich family history of military service hangs up his g-suit. Maj Steve “Gunner” Emmons will fly his final military sortie this morning followed by an afternoon retirement ceremony in the Faulkner Auditorium.

Both of Maj Emmons’ grandfathers were standouts in what is now commonly referred to as the “Greatest Generation”—those that fought to save the world from tyranny in WWII. His maternal grandfather, Lt Gen Troup Miller, Jr., graduated from West Point in the early 1930s and entered the Army Air Corps. After training at Langley Field he spent WWII in the south Pacific flying B-17s and C-47s. After the war he went on to become Brigadier General and commanded at Burtonwood Air Base, United Kingdom. After a promotion to Major General, he commanded Arnold AFB in Tullahoma, Tenn. in the early 1950’s. In the early 1960’s he became vice commander at Maxwell Field, Ala., and after a promotion to Lieutenant General he assumed command of Air University. He retired in 1964.

Major Emmons’ paternal grandfather, Col James Emmons, Jr., graduated from Mississippi State University with a civil engineering degree and a reserve commission in the U.S. Army as a Second Lieutenant. He worked for the Mississippi Highway Dept prior to being called to active duty in 1942. He spent the war years within the US, helping to build several Air Force bases and later served as Post Engineer first at Ft Logan, Colo., and then at Fort George, Wash. At the end of the war he returned to reserve duty as a newly promoted Lieutenant Colonel. During the Korean War, he was again recalled to active duty and this time served as the deputy Chief of Staff at Arnold AFB, Tenn., where he was later promoted to Colonel. He would later retire from the military and become the first Air Force civilian to work at Arnold AFB.

James Emmons, III, Major Emmons’ father spent a shorter stint in the military, serving eight years in the Army Reserve. His son, Major Steve Emmons, began his military career when he was recruited out of high school to play football at the United States Air Force Academy in 1985. Quite remarkably,

as a freshman he had the fasted 40-yard dash time, the highest vertical leap and the highest power-lift per pound of body weight—of anyone on the entire team. Unfortunately, at only 140 pounds of body weight he often encountered guys more than twice his size. Not surprisingly, this fact, the immutable laws of physics, and Major Emmons’ inherent survival instincts all conspired to find him spending his later years at the USAFA playing sports other than football. Excelling in the classroom as well, he graduated with a degree in Operations Research. Following graduation from the Academy in 1989, Major



Emmons was destined to find an activity that could match his love for the intensity of competing in football, but one that focused less on the size of the man in the fight, and instead on the size of the fight in the man. That activity was pilot training and the field was a student flight training room at Reese AFB, Texas. As expected, he excelled and finished at the top of his class and selected an A-10 Thunderbolt II. This was the perfect machine for a young Lieutenant destined to be given the tactical call sign of “Gunner”. Following pilot training, he went on to attend Lead-In Fighter Training (what is now called Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, of IFF) at Holloman AFB, N.M. before A-10 training at Davis Monthan AFB, Ariz.

Following his initial A-10 training, Major Emmons’ first operational assignment was to RAF Bentwaters, United Kingdom. In a testament to just how much times have changed, he was already a mission-ready wingman and TDY to his first deployment while still a Second Lieutenant. He would later deploy multiple times to fly missions in Northern Iraq during Operation Provide Comfort. Unfortunately for Major Emmons, the flying was a little too good and after amassing 520 fighter hours in 20 months, he found that he was 20 hours over the 500-hour minimum of what was called an “experienced” pilot. With the proposed phase out of the A-10 in the early 90’s, experienced pilots were not permitted to go on to another operational assignment and he instead would serve as a T-37 IP at Reese AFB, Texas. Following his AETC tour he returned to the A-10 at Moody AFB, Ga., where he upgraded to instructor pilot, evaluator pilot, and Forward Air Controller in the A-10 and OA-10 missions. He deployed again to the Iraqi theater, this time serving in multiple deployments to Operations Southern Watch.

It was at the end of this tour that Major Emmons found himself facing the biggest decision of his life. At work he was approaching the pinnacle of his fighter career. At home he had just become the single parent of three young children. He could continue to remain in the A-10 and do what was best for his career, but that would mean continued deployments, long hours, and several more PCS moves. Or he could subordinate his career aspirations in order to do everything he could as a single dad to enhance his ability to provide a stable home for his children.

He chose that latter and would spend the next eight years serving on two remote tours to Korea to avoid a PCS and to keep from uprooting his children from family, friends, and school. He later remarried and since the Base Realignment and Closure Commission moved the Moody IFF mission to Columbus in 2007, he has spent the past two years commuting home to Georgia every weekend from Columbus AFB in order to keep his family in place. It has not been easy, but his plan was indeed the best fit for his family as he was able to keep all three kids in the same home, with the same friends, and in the same school system from elementary school through completion of high school. Reflecting on his experiences, Maj Emmons stated, “I have no regrets. I had a great career as a fighter pilot and I could not be more proud of my kids.”

Godspeed Ashley, Major Gunner, Garrett, Haley, & Cole—the Black Knights wish you the best!

NURSE/TECH WEEK:

Vote for Your Favorite CAFB Nurse

By Capt. James E. Kramer
14th Medical Group

Please join us at the 14th Medical Group in recognizing our nurses and medical technicians

who tirelessly provide care and compassion for over 5000 patients at Columbus AFB. Their dedication should not go unnoticed as we are truly privileged to have the best healthcare professionals in the Air Force. National Nurse

Week is May 6th-12th and this year the Air Force Nurse Corps celebrates 60 years of service to the Air Force and our country. The Koritz Clinic medical staff invite our Columbus Air Force Base family to join us in

recognizing your favorite nurse and technician. If you are in the area, please come by and cast your vote at the Florence Nightingale Memorial table located in the front lobby. Thanks for your support.

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop is open for consignments of household goods, appliances that are in good working order, furniture and electronics. Please, no computer equipment. Clothing is accepted as donation items only.

The Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Consignments are taken up until noon.

School Liaison Officer

The Columbus Air Force Base School Liaison Officer works with local school districts, schools, parents and students on issues related to elementary and secondary education for the children of ALL personnel (civilian, military and contractor) assigned to the installation. As parents of school age children are aware, there are many unique issues our children face as they transition to new schools. The role of the School Liaison Officer is to assist families ensure their children receive the best possible education regardless of where they attend school. For assistance, please contact the School Liaison Officer at 434-2792 or via email at slo@columbus.af.mil.

CAC Card Replacement

Members can replace their Common Access Card within 60 days of it expiring. All personnel will need to provide the following at the time of replacement: two forms of identification, government (“dot” mil or gov) email address, a six to eight digit personal identification number and an application for a CAC, the appropriate application will be provided to appointment is made. Call 434-2626 or 434-2624 to schedule an appointment.

Testing Hours

The Education Office conducts CLEP/DANTES, CDC, PME, etc. testing on Tuesdays and Thursdays promptly at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Students arriving late will be rescheduled. Testing will be conducted outside of this schedule only when verifiable extreme circumstances exist. Please call 434-2562 or 434-2561 to schedule an exam.

Memphis in May

The information, ticket and travel office will offer a Memphis in May trip May 16-17. Cost is \$150 per person, double occupancy, \$135 per

SARC DVDs

The Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, located at the Health and Wellness Center entrance of the Fitness Center, has two very educational and school-aged appropriate DVD’s available to sign-out and to view with children. Two copies of each DVD will also be available at the Base Library and one copy will be available at the Youth Services. The DVDs are: The Safe Side: Stranger Safety and Internet Safety presented by John Walsh and Julie Clark. Our motto is “Not One More.” Let’s educate and keep our children safe.

Anti-terrorism Training

Personnel and their families that are traveling on unofficial business outside the continental United States can receive anti-terrorism level one training from Master Sgt. Brandon Enea, 14th Flying Training Wing Antiterrorism Officer. FMI call 434-1260.

MGIB and ROTC

ROTC detachments often fail to provide information to graduates about the Montgomery GI Bill. If this is the case, please come by the Education Office in Building 916 or call them at 434-2562 for MGIB counseling.

Legal Hours

The legal office offers legal assistance on Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment only. Notary and/or power-of-attorney are done as a walk-in during normal business days from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., arriving no later than 3:45p.m. Participants must be eligible for assistance to receive service. For more information, call the base legal office at 434-7030.

Airman’s Roll Call

The Air Force puts out a weekly publication call the Airman’s Roll Call. The Airman’s Roll Call is designed for supervisors at all levels to help keep Airmen informed on current issues, clear up confusion, dispel rumors and provide additional face-to-face communication between supervisors and their teams. To view the Airman’s Roll Call, visit www.af.mil/library/viewpoints/.

Airman and Family Readiness Center

(Editor’s note: All activities are offered at the Airman & Family Readiness Center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call 434-2790 or email afrc@columbus.af.mil.)

Lunch and Learn

The next Lunch and Learn will be May 8 from noon to 1 p.m. Bring your lunch and come listen to a discussion on time management.

Pre-Deployment Brief

There is a mandatory briefing for active duty personnel who are deploying or going on a remote tour. The brief is held every work day at 9:30 a.m. Spouses are welcome to attend.

Post-Deployment Brief

This mandatory briefing is for active duty personnel who are returning from deployment or a remote tour are held daily at 1:30 p.m. at the A&FRC. For more information, call 434-2790.

Pre-separation Counseling

This mandatory briefing for personnel separating or retiring to be completed at least 90 days prior to separation is held daily at 8:30 a.m. May complete up to 12 months prior to separation or retirement. This briefing takes approximately 30 minutes. For more information, call 434-2839 or 434-2790.

Budgeting Basics

This event is held every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon at Airman & Family Readiness Center. Learn practical ways to tell your money where to go rather than wonder where it went. For more information, call 434-2790.

AFAS...Air Force People Helping Each Other

Sudden emergency and no cash? It can happen to anyone. Your Air Force Aid Society has assisted Air Force people for 66 years and is there to help you. Call 434-2855 for more information.

Employment Workshop

There is an employment workshop every Wednesday at 1 p.m. Airman and Family Readiness Center. Participants will learn about local and base employment opportunities. For more information, call 434-2790.

Spouse Welcome

A special welcome for new personnel assigned to Columbus AFB is held each Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Magnolia Inn Lobby. For more information, call 434-2790.

AFRC Calendar

Would you like to receive e-mails in your home of up-to-date information on events being held at the Airman and Family Readiness Center? Sign up for Airman and Family Readiness Center electronic calendar. To sign up, send an e-mail to AFRC@columbus.af.mil and ask to be added to the list. This calendar provides great information on things happening at your Airman & Family Readiness Center. For more information, call 434-2631.

Chapel Schedule

Protestant

Sunday: 9 a.m. — Adult Sunday School
10:45 a.m. — Traditional
Worship Service (Children’s Church)
All are invited to a fellowship luncheon following the 10:45 a.m. service the fourth Sunday of each month

Catholic

Thursday:
5 p.m. — Choir Practice
Sunday:
3:45 p.m. — Choir Practice
4:30 p.m. — Confession
5:00 p.m. — Mass

AROUND TOWN

tered by May 2 to offer.

Volunteer opportunities

Looking for something to do on Saturdays? Want to get off base from time to time? Sign up as a special events volunteer. Call Meagan at

327-0807 for more information.

For more information about local area events, e-mail AFRC@columbus.af.mil or call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2790.

May is Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month

Capt. Gloria Walski
14th Medical Group

The month of May has been designated Asian Pacific American Heritage month. To celebrate this, Columbus Air Force Base will be hosting a luncheon on May 14 and a food tasting event on May 28.

These celebrations aim to acknowledge the many contributions that Asian-Pacific Americans have made to the United States and the armed forces, and this year's theme is "Leadership to Meet the Challenges of a Changing World."

Here are a number of notable Asian-Pacific Americans who have helped shape our nation:

Dr. Clifford I. Uyeda, a Nisei, or second generation Japanese-American, was a captain in the United States Air Force and served in Korea from 1951 to 1953 as a medical doctor. Currently, Doctor Uyeda is not only a prominent figure in the medical and education arena, but he is also a well-known peace activist in the United States.

Maya Lin, daughter to Chinese immigrants, is best known for designing the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. She has been honored with many awards, to include the Presidential Design Award.

Lt. Col. Ellison Shoji Onizuka was the first Japanese-American astronaut, having flown on a secret mission aboard the shuttle Discovery. He was on board the space shuttle Challenger when it exploded 73 seconds after lift off.

Hoang Nhu Tran, a Vietnamese immigrant and former boat person, graduated as the valedictorian of his class from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1987. He was also a Rhodes Scholar and Time magazine's recipient of the 1986 College Achievement Award.

Tiger Woods, whose mother is from Thailand, is a world famous professional golfer who made headlines when he was the youngest golfer to win seven major Professional Golfer's Association titles.

Retired General Eric Shinseki was the Chief of Staff of the Army from 1999-2003. He is currently serving as the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Thousands of Asian-Pacific Americans have made contributions to the United States through education, medicine, politics, entertainment, literature and the armed forces. With sushi and fried rice becoming as common as hamburgers, pizzas and burritos, the impact of Asian-Pacific Americans can be felt from coast to coast.

Asian-Pacific American Heritage Luncheon

Featuring Dr. Edward Tang, Professor of American Studies, University of Alabama

1130 at the Columbus Club

14 May 2009

Asian-Pacific American Heritage Food-Tasting Event

1100 at the Services Complex

28 May 2009

Includes Traditional Polynesian Dance Performance

Airman rappels into next enlistment



U.S. Air Force photo/Elizabeth Owens

Lt. Col. Peter Ridillia, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, re-enlists Staff Sgt. Daniel Lenigar, a fireman with the 14th CES, while rappelling down the training course April 28.

First 18 new homes completed at CAFB

Mrs. Cassandra Price
Assistant Investment Manager,
AETC II
Pinnacle Military Housing

October 5, 2007, Columbus AFB privatized their housing to Pinnacle Hunt LLC with plans to build 145 new homes and renovate 106 existing homes. On May 20, 2009, Hunt Building Company will be turning over the first 18 newly constructed homes for Airmen to occupy to The Landings at Columbus. The new homes, which are being built in Magnolia and State Village, will consist of 103 Company Grade Officer homes, four Chief Master Sergeant homes, 43 Field Grade Officer homes, and five Senior Officer homes.

Hunt Building Company is one of the nation's leaders in military housing. For over 38 years, the company has focused on quality design, construction, and development of military housing in various branches of the United States military across the continental U.S., Hawaii, and Alaska. Hunt has been recognized nationally as a leading developer, design-builder and owner of high-quality military housing, receiving numerous awards for both private and military sectors for design ingenuity and building integrity.

New homes at Columbus feature such amenities as energy effi-

cient appliances, built in microwaves, built in computer centers, vaulted ceilings, large storage spaces, double car garages, professional landscaping, and screened-in porches. New homes will be available to permanent party company grade officers as early as May 21, 2009.

The following criteria will be used to determine eligibility for new housing

- Key Essential Personnel, as determined by the Wing Commander
- Hardship cases, as determined by the Wing Commander
- Current Residents living in the path of demolition/renovation with more than six months time left at duty station
- Current Residents wishing to move into new housing with more than six months time left at duty station
- Active Duty personnel on the waiting list

Pinnacle, in partnership with Hunt and the Air Force, will be turning over the keys to the first resident on May 20 in a ceremony at 1:30 p.m. At 2:30 p.m., Pinnacle will be hosting an open house for all residents, and base personnel at 5508 Hamilton Drive. Following the open house, there will be a townhall meeting at 1800 at the Columbus Club to discuss new construction, resident moves, and other housing issues. All residents are invited and encouraged to attend.



U.S. Air Force photo

Lt. Col. Jay Fisher, 99th Flying Training Squadron Director of Operations, stands by as Lt. Col. Kelly Menozzi, 48th Flying Training Squadron commander, presents Capt. John Grady, a 48th FTS instructor pilot, with the Lt. Col. Martin H. Nelson Instructor Pilot Award April 17. The award will be on display in the 48th until next year's recipient is named.

48th FTS IP Wins Martin Nelson Instructor Pilot Award

48th Flying Training Squadron

Capt. John Grady, 48th Flying Training Squadron, was recently named the winner of the Lt. Col. Martin H. Nelson Instructor Pilot Award on April 17 by Lt. Col. James Fisher, 99th Flying Training Squadron director of operations, Randolph AFB, Texas. He is the first T-1 instructor to receive this new award.

The 99th FTS developed this award to honor Lt. Col. Martin H. Nelson who passed away June 14, 2008. Colonel Nelson was a former T-1 Pilot Instructor Training Instructor assigned to the 99th FTS at Randolph AFB.

Captain Grady said he was humbled to

receive such a prestigious honor.

Colonel Nelson loved flying and teaching, according to those who knew him. He epitomized what a professional aviation instructor ought to be—positive, articulate, motivating and educational; a true authentic teacher. He flew the KC-135A, Q, & R models, the C-17A Globemaster III and the T-1A Jayhawk in both the 99th FTS and 32nd FTS. The award will recognize instructors who possess these qualities and who make positive, life-long contributions to aviation.

The award will be given each year to a T-1 instructor pilot that follows in Colonel Nelson's footsteps by "epitomizing what a true professional aviation instructor."

Current Status of The H1N1 Flu Virus

Robert W. Ramsey, MSgt, USAF,
Flight Chief, Aerospace
Medicine Flight

With the news of increasing case counts and confirmed locations for the recent Flu outbreak, it is natural for anxiety levels to be on the rise in the community. Information is essential to quail the anxiety we all feel. For current national information, we continue to recommend you utilize the Centers for Disease Control website www.cdc.gov as your primary source for information on this outbreak. In this article, I'll provide you information on what is being done locally.

First, 14 FTW leadership and the 14 MDG continue to monitor the situation closely and take steps to protect our community. At this writing, the risk in the local area remains low.

For several years now, health officials have warned of Avian Influenza becoming a threat to our population. As a result, all military establishments, and civilian health agencies have developed preparedness plans for pandemic influenza. Columbus AFB, State of Mississippi and Lowndes County Health officials have exercised an integrated plan for responding to this type of situation.

Nationally, additional supplies and medications have been released to civilian communities and supplies are flowing to all military bases through the department of health affairs. Geographic commands have begun releasing guidance for travelers within their area of responsibility. Locally, Columbus AFB Public Health Emergency Officer (PHEO) in conjunction with the Public Health office have been in continuous communication with State of Mississippi and District 4 health officials ensuring mutual support plans are in place. On Columbus AFB, a working group has been established to monitor the situation and coordinate actions to control the potential spread of disease.

This article is part of those actions. Current prevention steps include the activation of Respiratory Protection Protocols within the 14 MDG. If you are experiencing Influenza-Like-Illness (ILI) defined by a fever of 100 degrees or greater, sore throat and/or cough, you are advised not to visit the clinic on a walk in basis. Instead, phone the appointment line at 434-CARE (2273). Appointment clerks will accomplish a detailed questionnaire and advise you on how and when to come to the clinic. The goal here is to prevent patients with potential respiratory infections from waiting in the public areas where transmission risk is greater.

Other preventive measures are being reviewed and will be implemented as a need becomes clear. These measures may include options such as quarantine/isolation of ill personnel, and social distancing protocols to reduce the risk of transmission. Social distancing could require the postponement of large gatherings such as commander's calls, promotion ceremonies and other group functions to limit contact between large groups of healthy and potentially infected personnel during a local outbreak.

At this time, no effective flu vaccine for the H1N1 virus exists. An effort is underway to create a vaccine and current technologies make this a much faster process than it has been in the past. If and when a vaccine is available, you will be notified through all available means on how and when you can receive the vaccine.

Currently, prevention in the form of good hygiene and awareness are the first line of defense against Flu Virus transmission. The following six steps are critical to preventing flu transmission.

AVOID CLOSE CONTACT: Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.

STAY HOME WHEN YOU ARE SICK: if possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness.

COVER YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE: cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.

CLEAN YOUR HANDS: washing your hands with soap and warm water often will help protect you from germs. Cold water is not as effective for killing germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

AVOID TOUCHING YOUR EYES, NOSE OR MOUTH: germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

PRACTICE OTHER GOOD HEALTH HABITS: get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.

If you have questions please contact the 14 MDG Public Health office at 434-2143.

The deadline for submitting ads is noon Monday before the desired publication date. Ads turned in after the deadline will run the following week. Ads can be mailed to or dropped off at the public affairs office in the 14th Flying Training Wing Headquarters building, e-mailed to silverwings@columbus.af.mil or faxed to 434-7009. Calling Ext. 7068 by noon Monday can extend the run date of ads already submitted. Silver Wings reserves the right to limit ads based on content, space and frequency of requests. Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Commercial Dispatch, 328-2424.

Miscellaneous

For sale: GE 22.0 cu/ft side-by-side refrigerator w/in-door ice & water dispenser - \$200; Charbroil Gas Grill - \$50; Patio table & 4 chairs with umbrella — excellent condition - \$50. 662-434-7869 or 662-425-0299.

For sale: Whirlpool washer & dryer \$200, Wilson ladies golf clubs & bag \$75, Graco stroller/car seat \$40, pack n playpen \$40. Call 865-680-7836.

For sale: Sauder computer desk. 50" w X 32" d X 53" h. Cherry finish/like new/lots of storage. Call 328-2898 FMI.

For sale: Weider Club 290 pull up/dip/leg raise tower. Great home gym station, just don't use it as much as originally intended. Brand new runs around \$270, asking \$200 OBO. Contact 303-908-0123.

For sale: Full size box spring and bed rails for sale. Rarely used — mattress was damaged beyond repair in move. Mattress pad included if desired. \$25 call 601-942-9033. Located on-base in state village.

For sale: Graco Quattro Travel System, with an extra base for second vehicle, in great condition, originally 275\$ plus 35\$ for base, will sell for 100\$, OBO. Bright Starts Around We Go walker, great condition, converts to play table, originally 80\$ asking 20\$. Please call 889-8131.

For sale: Whirlpool washer and dryer \$300.00, White convertible baby crib \$75.00, Sony 54" rear projection T.V. \$400.00. Call 434-5077.

Looking to Buy: Used T-ball and softball equipment. Reasonably priced. Call 662-574-0538.

For sale: Twin mattress, like new, \$20. Call 329-4325 after 5 p.m. M-F, or all day S/S.

For sale: Medium L Shaped Desk with

Hutch, Oak colored, File drawer, Keyboard shelf, Spacious work surface. Retail for \$700; Asking \$100/OBO. Call 662-549-7745.

For Sale: Whirlpool washer and dryer, \$500, can deliver, call 662-497-2175

For sale: Field Jacket with liner – \$30. Med. Long Pocket knife collection, will sell individually \$5 to \$20 price range. Seven shot .357 Mag. Taurus stainless steel revolver with holster-400.00. Call 328-4374.

For sale: Antique 1930 Burlwood marble top Sideboard. 74"L X38"H. 3 drawers with sidedoors. Clawfeet and keys. Beautiful condition. Will email photos.\$995.00 OBO. Please call 327-1205

For sale: Electric Organ with bench. Troubadour has accompanying flute, trombone, clarinet, violin, mandolin and banjo, plus plays automatically. Excellent condition. \$495.00 OBO. Please call 327-1205

For sale: RV rock shield for towed vehicle. Heavy duty plastic RM4000; protects motor home towed vehicle from rocks and gravel. excellent cond.; \$195.00 OBO Please call 327-1205.

For sale: King sleigh bed and matching dresser. Beautiful hard wood in perfect condition. Able to assist with delivery and set-up in the local Columbus area. \$850 OBO. Call 662-242-0692. Photos available.

For sale: Electric stove/oven, four burners, \$100, gas water heater, excellent condition, \$100, like new never used trash compactor, \$75. All three for \$250 together. Please call 574-9414.

For sale: Batting Cage 55x12x12, with movable frame, \$200. Atec Rookie softball pitching machine, with two dozen balls, \$500, Call 662-889-3974. **For sale:** 18'swimming pool, Quick Set w/pump, chemicals, regular ladder and heavy duty ladder, \$200; Car tires - two 225 60R 16, three 185 80R 13, one 165 80R 13, \$5 each; Aluminum plate bedcover, fits Ford Ranger, \$100. Call 251-1413 or 244-8390 after 5:00pm.

For sale: HVAC equipment and supplies. HVAC motors, registers and grills, flexible ductwork, capacitors, thermostats, Copper tubing, Freon and Freon recovery system, used Freon storage tank plus other various HVAC supplies and tools. Call 356-0634 or 549-6646 for more information.

For sale: Bunk beds, 2 twin mattresses, 2 palettes and other accessories including pieces to make the bunk higher, ladder, and foam mattress pads. Prices vary according to which pieces

you are interested in. Call 425-2696 or 352-9801.

Transportation

For sale: 1996 Toyota Corolla DX, Good condition, needs new tires. \$2000 OBO, Contact785-375-2090 or 785-375-5572.

For sale: 20" stock Chevrolet rims and tires. Fits on 07-09 models of Silverado, Avalanche, Tahoe and Suburban. \$900 OBO, call 434-8020. **For sale:** Four racing rims/tires, 14" five lug, good condition, All four for \$175. Were used for Honda Civic. Please call 574-9414.

For Sale: 2009 7' x 18' V-nose trailer, only 270 miles, \$5,000 OBO. Ryan (770) 653-4860

Homes

For Sale by Owner: 3 Bed 2 bath in Sherwood Forest, \$159,000 Call 244-0896.

For sale: Horse owners dream in Caledonia, 10.8 acres with large customized, commercial horse barn. Built in stalls, wash rack,, large feed/tack room, office with bathroom and wash-

er/dryer. Area is completely fenced and has a loafing barn. Home is 1385 sq feet of living space, 3 BR and 2 bath, with stained, etched concrete floors and carpeting. New interior paint. Must see to appreciate. \$279,000. Call 574-9655/329-8753

Home For Sale By Owner: 82 Cedar Dr, Beautiful home located in Sherwood Forest Community, 3BR, 2BA, 2156 SF, new tile/carpet, vaulted ceilings, enclosed sunroom, walk in closets, freshly painted interior and exterior, spacious kitchen with plenty of cabinet space, fenced in backyard w/ shed, 2 car garage – \$175,500. Call 549-7745/889-4264.

For Sale By Owner: 374 Chan Mar Dr, Caledonia, Custom home, 4BR, 3BA, office, bonus room, 2466 SF on 2.8 acres, wired shop. \$278,800. See on Yahoo Real Estate. Call 662-889-3974.

For Sale By Owner: 131 Hazelnut Circle. 1,600 square foot, 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home is just mins from the front gate of CAFB. The home was recently updated \$167,000—Call 720-232-5439 for a showing.

Saturday Yard Sales

Two Family yard sale: Saturday May 2, Moving many items, 7292 Dover Drive. Call 865-680-7836.

Yard sale: Saturday 2 May 09, 5353B Starkville Cr.

Yard sale: 61 Cedar Dr. Sherwood forest subdivision: furniture, books, clothes, paintings, kitchen items and much more. Saturday starting at 7:00am

Yard sale: Saturday May 2nd, 7-11am, 7375 Augusta Dr. Capitol Village

Pets

For sale: CKC reg. Great Pyrenees puppies. Seven-weeks-old. Old. Shots and wormed. Parents on premises. \$150 OBO. Call 662-889-3173.

Free to good home: Kittens, one female and two male of various colors. These are rescue kittens. Call Lisa at 549-9601

For sale: Sweet Goffin's cockatoo with nice cage. Talks. Needs more attention than we can give her. Loves to be petted – \$425 OBO. Call 329-4325 after 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or all-day Saturday and Sunday.

Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees.

Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue.

Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads.

Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

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What would you like to see more of in the newspaper? News ☐ Sports ☐ Photos ☐ Other _____

If you would like to give any other suggestions, please e-mail us at silverwings@columbus.af.mil.

Air University Commander Class 09-09 Graduation Speaker

Lt. Gen. Allen G. Peck is Commander, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. He provides full spectrum education, research, and outreach at every level through professional military education, professional continuing education, and academic degree granting. He leads the intellectual and leadership center of the Air Force, graduating more than 50,000 resident and 120,000 non-resident officers, enlisted and civilian personnel each year. Additionally, he is responsible for officer commissioning through Officer Training School and the Reserve Officer Training Corps.



pleted two tours on the Air Staff at the Pentagon, a joint assignment as Chief of Current Operations at U.S. Central Command, and was a National Security Fellow at Harvard. The general has commanded an air operations group in Germany, an air expeditionary wing in Saudi Arabia, and the Air and Space Expeditionary Force Center.

The general is a command pilot with more than 2,700 hours in the F-15, including more than 300 combat hours.

General Peck will be the keynote speaker at the 10:00 a.m. class 09-09 graduation ceremony on May 15 in Kaye Auditorium.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: More than 2,700

Aircraft flown: F-15A/B/C/D/E

General Peck earned his commission upon graduation from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1975. He has served as an F-15 aircraft commander, instructor pilot, and standardization and evaluation flight examiner. General Peck has com-

“ECO-FRIENDLY” CAR WASH

Special to Silverwings

In a new twist on the classic car wash fundraiser, the Columbus AFB Fire Department and Environmental Section will hold a “eco-friendly” car wash on Friday, May 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at CAFB Fire Department. Donations will go to the Fire Station Memorialization Ceremony to be held on May 21.

While raising funds, the Columbus AFB Fire “Dawgs” will also preserve water and eliminate toxic runoff. Armed with microfiber towels and Eco Touch, a biodegradable and non-toxic exterior car cleaner, volunteers will team to leave cars shining. A biodegradable, non-phosphate wash will also be available for those extra dirty cars!

The Columbus AFB Fire Department is the first organization in the Columbus, MS to host an “eco-friendly” car wash.

Come out and support the Fire “Dawgs” while helping to preserve the environment! Free recycled-content t-shirts will be provided to the first 100 participants.

For more information, contact SMSgt Eidenschink at 434-2260.



IFF 09-GB Graduates Four

The 49th Fighter Training Squadron hosted a graduation on May 1st in the squadron heritage room. Four members graduated this phase of their training on their way to becoming fighter pilots and fighter Weapons System Officers (WSOs) in various aircraft for the Combat Air Forces.

The 49th FTS is responsible for Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, and International flying training in the T-38C aircraft. The 49 FTS provides training to fighter pilots and weapon system officers entering Air Force major fighter weapons systems, which include the F-16, F-15C, F-15E, and A-10.

The nine-week course begins with tactical formation flights and then introduces pilots and WSOs to basic fighter maneuvers (BFM) and air-to-air employment in offensive, defensive, and high aspect fight scenarios. Students bound for aircraft with an air-to-ground attack capability then move on to surface attack and low-altitude tactical navigation phases learning to employ ordnance against ground targets. The skills learned during IFF directly translate to the fighters these students will soon fly in their follow-on training and one day employ in combat.

Congratulations to the following fighter candidates!



1st Lt. Craig Sanders
F-15E WSO



1st Lt. Grant Saum
F-15E
A/A Top Gun, A/G Top Gun



2nd Lt. Jonathon Alberts
A-10 (MD ANG)



1st Lt. Robert Russell
F-15E WSO
A/A Top WSO

Air Force Career Advisors



The Career Assistance Advisor position was created in an effort to increase retention rates. CAAs provide supervisors with the necessary tools to conduct career counseling with their first and second term enlisted members.

Start Right, Stay Right!

We are a resource for the commander, first sergeant, and most importantly, immediate supervisor. For more information, call MSgt Brian Bailey at 434-7004.

Enlisted Promotions



Photo by Elizabeth Owens

Columbus AFB congratulates April enlisted promotes: Airman First Class Anthony Cambisi, 14th Communications Squadron; Airman First Class Shayne Allen, 14th Medical Operations Squadron; Senior Airmen Timothy Barclay II, 14th Operations Support Squadron; Senior Airmen Kari Torres, 14th MDOS; Senior Airmen Joseph Quinones, 14th OSS and Staff Sergeant Timothy Martinez, 14th OSS.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 58 BLAZE TEAM members are de-deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



Thrift Shop Notes

The Thrift Shop will operate regular hours during the summer, Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. We are now accepting summer clothing — LIMIT OF FIVE CLOTHING ITEMS FOR CONSIGNMENT per week. Other items available to consign are household goods, appliances and electronics, in good working condition, and furniture. Computers or computer related equipment are not accepted for consignment. Consignments are accepted until noon. Please come shop with us and see what is new at the Thrift Shop!

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Sports Shorts

Air Force Fitness Month: During the month of May, CAFB's Health and Wellness Center would like to invite you to participate in CAFB's Biggest Losers Bootcamp. This boot camp is designed for Biggest Losers participants, but in promotion of Air Force Fitness month, it will be open to all during the month of May. This boot-camp is designed to improve your overall fitness by working both your cardio and muscular systems at once. The sessions will consist of various cross/circuit training activities. Dates will consist of every Friday at 3:30 p.m. For location and more information call 434-2477.

AF Marathon: The time has come once again to field AETC's Air Force Marathon Team. AETC bases can submit through their Fitness Center Directors, runners in each of the following categories: Men's Military Relay (4 participants), Women's Military Relay (4 participants), Men's Individual (2) and Women's Individual (2). AF

Form 303s must be submitted to the Fitness Center Director, Mr. Carmine Muscarella 434-2773, prior to 19 Jun 09. Contact the Fitness Center for assistance if you've never filled out a Form 303.

Fitness Classes: The Fitness Center offers fitness classes. Spin classes are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays beginning at 7 a.m. Cardio kick boxing classes are Mondays and Wednesdays at 5 p.m. and aerobics is offered Saturdays at 9 a.m. For more information, call the Fitness Center at 434-2772.

Lunch, Bowl Special: Receive two free games of bowling from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the purchase of a combo meal during lunch.

Cosmic Bowling: Cosmic bowling is every Friday and Saturday from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Cost is \$2 per game. The night is complete with black lights, loud music, strobe lights and bowling!

<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thur</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat/Sun</u>
11 IFF Graduation, 4:49 p.m.	12 Newcomers Briefing CCAF Grad, 11 a.m. @ Club	13 Lunch Bunch @ Club Class 10-02 Track Select, 5 p.m.	14 Asian Pacific American Heritage Lunch, 11 a.m. @ Club	15 Class 09-09 Graduation Marriage and Family Seminar	16/17 Family Carnival (16th)
National Police Week					
18	19 Class 10-09 Pilot Partner Welcome, 6 p.m.	20 Lunch Bunch @ Club Base Housing Ribbon Cutting, 1:30 p.m.	21 Fire Station Ribbon Cutting, 10:30 p.m. Memorial Day Retreat, 4 p.m. Dorm Dinner, 5 p.m. Class 09-10 Assignment Night, 5 p.m.	22 Safety Day/No Fly Day Wing Formation Run, 6 a.m. @ Fitness Center S.A.F.E Briefings, 8:30/10:30/12:30 ,Kaye Aud.	23/24

Long Term Events

May 25 - Memorial Day Holiday
May 28 - Asian Pacific American Food Tasting @ SVS Complex
May 29 - Enlisted Promotions 29-31 May: OG Career

Day
June 3 - WG/CC Calls: 7:00/10:30/3:00 p.m.
June 3 - Child Development Center Ground Breaking
June 4 - Col. Dunn Farewell Luncheon Buffet
June 4 - Col. Dunn Golf Tournament

Intramural Volleyball standings

After the completion of last night's games, the volleyball standings are as follows:

14 WSA	5-0
14 OSS	4-0
48 FTS	3-2
14 CES	3-2
14 SFS	1-2
14 MDG	0-4
14 CS	0-4

CAFB'S BIGGEST LOSERS

Week 2-Team Standings

1. Dedicated Ladies
2. Maximum Density
3. Picture Perfect
4. Big Cats
5. 50-50
6. Victorious Secret
7. Jelly Bellyz
8. Spring Slim Down
9. Masters of Mass Reduction
10. Bikini Babes with a Diamond
11. Dental Blazers
12. Fighting Meatballs
13. The Spare Tires
14. Fine "Fo" the Summer Time
15. The Dreamers

*Points standings as of 27 April 09





U.S. Air Force photo
Senior Airmen Justin Stevens, 14th Security Forces Squadron, Briefs Maj. Gen. Feest on Columbus AFB's Enhanced 911 operations during the general's visit to the Emergency Control Center Wednesday. The ECC features integrated building fire, duress and intrusion alarm systems and base-wide video surveillance cameras.



U.S. Air Force Photo
Maj. Gen. Feest, 19th AF commander, prepares to present a 48-star flag to Mr. Jimmy Graham Tuesday evening with assistance from Lt. Col. Kelly Mennozzi, 48th Flying Training Squadron commander and Col. Roger Watkins, 14th Flying Training Wing commander. Graham, the 48th FTS honorary commander, was presented the flags flown in a T-1A Jayhawk over the state of Mississippi by pilots of the 48th.

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been tasked by the AETC commander along with the AETC A3 staff to re-look at pilot training."

"We are chartering a team made up of representatives of all the major commands and staffs to look at how we do pilot training," continued General Feest.

In discussing the 19th AF role in Unmanned Aerial Systems training, the general believes 19th AF will continue to have a major role in UAS training. AETC currently conducts UAS training at Pueblo and at Randolph and it should continue to expand as the Combat Air Forces get busier employing UAS's. The general said they will look to 19th AF to do what it does, train aircrews for the CAF.

As the T-38C turns 50 years old, the command is exploring replacement options, the general said.

"There is currently an Analysis of Alternatives to determine requirements of what type of aircraft is needed for pilot training," remarked General Feest. "The AETC commander would like to see a TX [training aircraft] replacement in the 2018 timeframe."

"I am totally impressed with the mission the BLAZE team does every day and I would like to thank them for what they do," added General Feest. "The motto of the 19th AF is To Provide Future Airpower Now and that is what the Columbus AFB BLAZE Team does!"



U.S. Air Force Photo
Above:Twenty five company grade officers attended a luncheon with Maj. Gen. Feest Wednesday at the Columbus Club. The lunch provided a forum for the CGO's to ask the 19th AF/CC questions about Air Force issues. Below:Capt. Christine Littlejohn, 14th Operations Support Squadron, enjoys a light moment with Maj. Gen. Feest, 19th AF/CC and Col. Roger Watkins, 14th FTW/CC during a CGO luncheon Wednesday.



U.S. Air Force Photo

BLAZE Airmen welcoming 19th AF Commander

Columbus Air Force Base personnel welcomed Maj. Gen Feest this week during his official base visit. The general arrived Tuesday and had a full itinerary scheduled up to his departure on Thursday afternoon.

His first stop after arriving was to the Wing Headquarters for a 14th Flying Training Wing Mission Briefing. Presented by 1st Lt. Paul Hollrith, 50th Flying Training Squadron, the briefing gave the overview of the wing. Following the mission briefing, each group commander presented General Feest with their success and challenges, thus setting the stage for his visit.

The day finished up with a community reception at Grahams Camp house hosted by the Base Community Council and featured a Mississippi staple, fried catfish dinner. Eighty people joined General Feest for an evening of fellowship, food and music.

During the evening, General Feest assisted Col. Roger Watkins, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, in presenting two flags to the host, Mr. Jimmy Graham. The two flags belonged to his wife's father and uncle and were flown by his honorary squadron, the 48th Flying Training Squadron, over Mississippi. The wooden cases were custom made by Mr. Bill Wright, 14th FTW Ground Safety Manager for the event.

"Columbus has one of the best community-base relationships I've seen," said General Feest. "Members of the base need to take advantage of this friendly community while assigned here."

During the next two days, General Feest visited many of the base units to meet our Airmen. His tour included all the flying squadrons, medical group, the new 14th Mission Support Group headquarters, a drive through base housing to view the new construction and the Crash, Fire, Rescue Station.

The 19th AF commander also dined with selected company grade officers and toured the Montgomery Village while having breakfast with the Honor Guard and enlisted dorm residents.

The visit concluded with a Commander's Call and a T-38C Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals sortie. The IFF sortie was selected to showcase the close proximity of the bombing range to Columbus AFB and highlights one of the 19th AF successes in getting the IFF mission operational at each pilot training wing.

"This visit was a testament of the BLAZE Team's flexibility and ingenuity to change plans to accommodate rapidly changing weather conditions to show General Feest the full spectrum of our mission capabilities," said Colonel Watkins. "I commend and thank the team for a terrific job!"



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Airmen First Class Kevin Riester, 14th Civil Engineer squadron, briefs 19th AF/CC on the heritage of the Columbus AFB, Miss Fire and Emergency Services complex May 6.



U.S. Air Force Photo

Maj Gen Feest talks with 50th Flying Training Squadron Honorary Commander Mr. Paul Swain and Mr. Greg Stewart, President of the Base Community Council at a reception Tuesday night. The Base Community Council hosted the catfish fry for the 19th AF/CC and Mr. Swain provided musical entertainment during the event.